

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. 03-_____
	:	
v.	:	DATE FILED: July 25, 2003
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PATRICIA BRANCONI	:	VIOLATIONS:
		18 U.S.C. § 371
		(Conspiracy to possess stolen firearms
		- 1 count)
		 18 U.S.C. § 922(j)
		(Possession of stolen firearms - 1 count)
		 18 U.S.C. § 2
		(Aiding and abetting)
		 Notice of Forfeiture

I N F O R M A T I O N

COUNT ONE

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

1. From on or about November 29, 2002 through in or about January of 2003, at West Goshen, Philadelphia, and elsewhere, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the defendant

PATRICIA BRANCONI

conspired and agreed together with others known and unknown to possess stolen firearms, which firearms had been shipped and transported in interstate commerce, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that such firearms were stolen, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(j).

MANNER AND MEANS

It was part of the conspiracy that:

2. Defendant and others planned to steal firearms and money from a residence located in West Goshen Township, Chester County, PA (the "Residence").
3. Defendant and others conducted surveillance on the Residence to determine that nobody was present.
4. Defendant and others forcibly broke into the Residence, took a safe containing firearms and money, and transported all of these items to Philadelphia in a stolen vehicle.

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy, and in order to accomplish its object, defendant PATRICIA BRANCONI and her co-conspirators committed the following acts, among others, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania:

1. On or about November 29, 2002, BRANCONI and two co-conspirators discussed stealing firearms and money from a safe that they knew to be located inside the Residence.
2. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI and two co-conspirators agreed to steal the firearms and money from the Residence.
3. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI and two co-conspirators drove to a location near the Residence in the car of one of the co-conspirators.
4. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI's co-conspirators made several phone calls to the Residence to determine if the owners were still present.
5. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI and two co-conspirators observed a

car leaving the Residence, then placed one more phone call to confirm that nobody was present in the Residence.

6. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI'S co-conspirators requested that she remain in the car and act as a lookout while they entered the Residence.

7. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI'S co-conspirators broke into the Residence by smashing a window.

8. On or about November 30, 2002, inside the Residence, BRANCONI'S co-conspirators located the safe containing the firearms and money.

9. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI'S co-conspirators carried the safe out of the Residence.

10. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI'S co-conspirators stole a pick-up truck belonging to one of the owners of the Residence for the purpose of transporting the safe.

11. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI and two co-conspirators transported the safe to BRANCONI'S residence at 5749 Walton Ave., Philadelphia, PA.

12. On or about November 30, 2002, at BRANCONI'S residence, BRANCONI'S co-conspirators opened up the safe using a pry bar.

13. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI and two co-conspirators removed from the safe United States Currency, in both cash and coin, and the following firearms: (i) a Sterling, model 302B, .22 caliber, semiautomatic pistol, serial number A103401; (ii) a Ruger, model Redhawk, .44 magnum caliber, revolver; (iii) a Winchester, 30-06, rifle; (iv) a Mossberg, 12-gauge, shotgun; and (v) a Marlin, .22 caliber, rifle.

14. On or about November 30, 2002, BRANCONI and two co-conspirators divided

possession of the money obtained in the theft.

15. In or about January of 2003, BRANCONI disposed of the following firearms, all stolen from the Residence, to another person: (i) a Winchester, 30-06, rifle; (ii) a Mossberg, 12-gauge, shotgun; and (iii) a Marlin, .22 caliber, rifle.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNT TWO

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

From on or about November 30, 2002 through in or about January of 2003, at West Goshen, Philadelphia, and elsewhere, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the defendant

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possessed, and did aid and abet in the possession of, stolen firearms, that is: (i) a Sterling, model 302B, .22 caliber, semiautomatic pistol, serial number A103401; (ii) a Ruger, model Redhawk, .44 magnum caliber, revolver; (iii) a Winchester, 30-06, rifle; (iv) a Mossberg, 12-gauge, shotgun; and (v) a Marlin, .22 caliber, rifle, which firearms had been shipped and transported in interstate commerce, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that such firearms were stolen.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(j) and 2.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

1. As a result of the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2, 371, and 922(j), set forth in Counts One and Two of this Information, the defendant

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shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), all firearms involved in the commission of these offenses, including, but not limited to: (i) a Sterling, model 302B, .22 caliber, semiautomatic pistol, serial number A103401; (ii) a Ruger, model Redhawk, .44 magnum caliber, revolver; (iii) a Winchester, 30-06, rifle; (iv) a Mossberg, 12-gauge, shotgun; and (v) a Marlin, .22 caliber, rifle.

All pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d).

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